IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

v.

NO. 4:13CR00180-01-JLH NO. 4:16CV00367-JLH

JAMES HELFRICH

DEFENDANT

ORDER

James Helfrich has filed a *pro se* motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, based on *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015), and a motion to appoint counsel.

Defendant was not sentenced based on the "residual clause" of Armed Career Criminal Act that was held unconstitutional in *Johnson*. Rather, he was sentenced as a career offender under the Guidelines based on prior convictions for first degree murder and a qualifying drug offense.

Accordingly, the motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 and motion to appoint counsel are denied. Documents #149 and #147. No certificate of appealability will be issued.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of June, 2016.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

J. Leon Holins